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Accused Agent Cries 'Frame'

CHICAGO, May 21 (UPI).—A U. S. Secret Service agent charged with trying to sell a Government report says he is being framed because he intended to reveal details of heavy drinking and "general laxity" among agents assigned to the late President Kennedy.

Abraham Bolden, 29, who in 1961 became the first Negro ever assigned to the Secret Service Detail guarding the President's life, outlined his charges in a news conference yesterday at his South Side home.

He is charged with trying to sell a confidential Government file to a man indicted for the alleged counterfeiting of a half-million dollars in bonds and checks.

Bolden said two weeks ago he told another agent:

"I'm going before the Warren Commission and tell about the drinking and disappearance of the Secret Service agents from their posts while they were guarding President Kennedy in Hyannis Port."

WHISKEY FOR BREAKFAST

He said agents guarding Mr. Kennedy often reported for work "half drunk and used official cars for chasing" woman friends around the resort town.

During the time he was assigned to guard the President, Bolden said, some agents drank whiskey and beer for breakfast.

"I stood on one agent's post for two hours one morning because he had taken his private car into Hyannis Port, Mass., and couldn't be found," he said. "These things worried me."

"I'm not trying to speculate what happened in Dallas, but I intend to tell the Warren Commission what I know."

DENIES CONSPIRACY

Bolden, who was graduated cum laude from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo., and won two commendations for cracking counterfeit rings since he joined the Secret Service, said the charge against him was a "direct result" of his superiors learning his intentions to testify before the Warren Commission.

He also flatly denied conspiring to attempt to sell the government file to accused counterfeiter Joseph Sciortino, Jr., 31, for $50,000. He said he had seen the files only once.

U. S. Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan called Bolden's charges "fantastic allegations" which are "absolutely and completely untrue."

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Charges Framed